

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A dual shoulder strap system for supporting loads at ones side comprising:

a) a proximal strap having two ends, the proximal strap designed to be positioned on a first shoulder of a user; and

b) distal strap having two ends, the distal strap designed to be positioned on a second shoulder of a user,

either of the two ends of the proximal strap being affixed to the distal strap in a position significantly away from the distal strap ends, whereby a shape is formed from a front-on view which may be described as a 'y' shape.

2. (Original) A dual shoulder strap system of claim 1, a flat portion of the strap approximates angles on shoulders near either side of the neck.

3. (Original) A dual shoulder strap system of claim 1, said proximal strap and said distal strap further being comprised of a pad portion.

4. (Original) A dual shoulder strap system of claim 3, the pad of said proximal strap is curved.

5. (Original) A dual shoulder strap system of claim 4, said proximal strap is affixed to said distal strap at an angle to cause the strap surface to match the shoulder angle.

6. (Original) A dual shoulder strap system of claim 5, said straps are affixed to each other by sewing.

7. (Original) A dual shoulder strap system of claim 6, said straps having a sewn overlap for strength.

8. (Original) A dual shoulder strap system of claim 1, further comprising two adjustable buckles on the proximal strap before the ends.